

POYNINGS PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk to the Council
Mr Colin Warburton

Minutes of the Poynings Annual Parish meeting at Poynings Village Hall on
Wednesday May 11th, 2022 at 7.30pm

Present: John Digby
Neville Searle
Michael Crowther
Paula Seager

Colin Warburton - Clerk to the Council
Alison Bennett - District Councillor
Colin Trumble - District Councillor

18 members of the public attended.

1. Outgoing chairman's report

By JD

Thank you all for coming today, our first Annual Parish Meeting since the first Covid lockdown.

We have had a stable council this year with Fiona joining us and Colin has remained in position as clerk.

After delays due to Covid MSDC and pressure from Poynings PC the wall at the front of the church and the retaining wall to the right of the steps have been repaired. The council has continued to support the planting of Cora's corner, the church bank and the roundabout. Thanks to all who gave labour and funding. All looking very good.

Although there are potholes in Poynings, due to WSCC cutbacks, PPC constantly pressurises WSCC to repair them and they are reported promptly and repaired within their timescales, unfortunately to a great standard though.

"Passing Place" signs have been installed on the road to the Royal Oak which have been successful although they have to be repaired occasionally.

The 20mph speed limit was applied for but was turned down, hopefully this decision can be reversed.

Bonfire night didn't happen again this year.

After a lot of work, Fibre to the premises has been given the go-ahead and Poynings Parish Council has agreed to sign the contract. This will take about a year to install, please pledge if you haven't done so in case not everyone goes though with their pledge. At last, everyone

in Poynings, Fulking and part of Newtimber will have access to superfast broadband.

The finger post at the roundabout has now been installed.

The post at Cora's corner has now been replaced and the gold leaf gilding has been re-done. Thanks to Malcom Johnson for a great job.

A solar watering system is going to be installed shortly to water Cora's corner from the stream, many thanks to donors and landowner.

The Queens Jubilee picnic preparations are well underway, and we hope you can all make it.

2. **Minutes**

The Minutes of the previous meeting, as circulated, were agreed.

3. **MSDC**

Alison Bennett and Colin Trumble summarises the work that MSDC has done this year.

4. **Speaker**

Dan Oakley - South Downs National Park - Dark Skies

This was a very informative talk and was well received by all. JD thanked Dan for joining us.

1. **Open forum**

Many issues that members of the public were concerned about were discussed and noted.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.15pm which was followed by refreshments and informal chats.

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